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In re Application of: )  
Hiroya KOBAYASHI, et al. ) Confirmation No.: 6587  
Application No.: 10/554,106 ) Group Art Unit: 2622  
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For: SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE )

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN BCE

Concurrently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This filing is in response to the Advisory Action dated February 19, 2010, and in further response to the Final Office Action dated August 4, 2009, the period for response to which extends through August 3, 2010 by the concurrently-filed petition for a four (4) month extension of time, a Notice of Appeal having been previously-filed on February 3, 2010 in this application.